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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 July 2008.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 9-11 and 15 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 and 12-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election with traverse of Group I, claims 1-8 and 12-14 in the reply filed on 24 July 2008 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that the single inventive concept may be found in the method recited in claims 1-8 and 12-14 (Group I) and method claims 1-8 and 12-14 are patentable over Alexander et al (U.S. Patent 5,273,703 A) and Pierini et al (U.S. Patent 5,445,779 A). This is not found persuasive because the process of Group I does not show a single inventive concept in the manufacture of two products and claims 1-8 and 12-14 are not patentable over Alexander et al and Pierini et al. Furthermore, rejoinder applies when product claims are elected for prosecution (in this instance, process claims were elected for prosecution).

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

2. Claims 9-11 and 15 remain withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Applicant timely traversed the restriction (election) requirement in the reply filed on 24 July 2008.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

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(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 12 and 14 are rejected under 35

U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Pierini et al (U.S. Patent 5,445,779 A) for the reasons of record.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 5 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pierini et al (U.S. Patent 5,445,779 A) as applied to claims 1-4, 6, 7, 12 and 14 above, and further in view of Alexander et al (U.S. Patent 5,273,703 A) for the reasons of record.

7. Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pierini et al (U.S. Patent 5,445,779 A) alone, or in combination with the admitted prior art as set forth on page 2, line 17 to page 3, line 2 of the instant specification for the reasons of record.

Response to Arguments

8. Applicant's arguments filed on 24 July 2008 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

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9. Applicant argues (pages 5 and 6) that claim 1 (as amended) requires that loading of the rod fiber or rod film occurs after coagulation (emphasis by applicant), and that Pierini et al does not describe this feature. Examiner responds that the newly-added limitation of spinning in a coagulation medium refers to the fiber, not to the film, which is supported by paragraph [0015] of the instant specification (the process of claim 1 is directed to the manufacture of a fiber or a film (note the term "or" in claim 1, end of line 3)). Pierini et al teaches a process of making film from an aromatic heterocyclic polymer as claimed.

10. Regarding Alexander et al (pages 6-7 and 9-10), Alexander et al is cited for teaching treating a fiber (of an aromatic heterocyclic polymer) with steam.

11. Regarding the admitted prior art (page 7), it is known in the art to manufacture (and treat) fibers and films made from an aromatic heterocyclic polymer of PIPD.

Conclusion

12. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee

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pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Leo B. Tentoni whose telephone number is (571) 272-1209. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday (6:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christina A. Johnson can be reached on (571) 272-1176. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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